

Jesus is Our Sabbath

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"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days."

—Colossians 2:14-16

There is no Sabbath Day today. Colossians 2:14-16 tells us that the ceremonials laws were nailed to the cross, including the Sabbath Day. Jesus became the fulfillment of what the Sabbath represented in the Old Testament. The Sabbath Day was a ceremonial Law, only for the Jews in the Old Testament. It pictured resting in Jesus Christ for salvation. This is plainly taught in Hebrews 4:1-5...

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest."

The 6-days of men working pictured man's self-righteousness, which could never save (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:20). When we cease from our own self-righteous labors and rest upon the Lord for salvation, we are eternally saved.

Today, we honor the Lord on Sunday (1st Corinthians 16:2), the first day of the week; but there is no Sabbath Day anymore. Jesus is our Sabbath and in Him alone do we rest for our salvation. So actually, there's only NINE Commandments today. Of all the Ten Commandments, only one was not a moral Law... keeping the Sabbath. A moral Law is in effect 24/7; but the Sabbath was only kept one day a week, which could never be true of a moral Law. All of the Old Testament ceremonial laws were nailed to the cross with Christ. Thank God the Father... Jesus is Our Precious Sabbath!

